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In re the Application of

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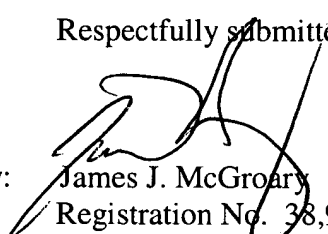
Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance on September 6, 2006, please replace the drawings in the case file with the Replacement Sheets submitted herewith. Figures 1-2, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A and 5B have had a legend added designating them as "Prior Art."

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding issues are resolved and the patent should be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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